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COMMUNICATION RELATIONSHIP

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 18, 2002 wherein the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-6, 11, 23-24, 26-31, and 37-41 in the above-identified patent application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-0510 in the amount of \$320.00, for filing a Notice of Appeal in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(e).

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required additional fee, and charge back any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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